



## Eastside Project Contractors and Consultants Industry Open House

### Questions and Answers

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**Q1: Is the \$776 million project cost estimate for the design-build contract only, not for the right-of-way acquisitions?**

**A1:** No, the \$776 million figure reflects the cost estimate for the entire Eastside Transit and HOV Project. That is the total arrived at by the Cost Estimating Valuation Process (CEVP), and includes activities performed by WSDOT (i.e. preliminary engineering, environmental documentation and permitting, and construction oversight), right of way purchases, and sales tax on construction. WSDOT estimates that construction will be \$400 million to \$600 million.

**Q2: The two schedules shown in today's presentation for selecting the contractor and construction firms are predicated on receipt of TIGER money and legislative funding. What if no funding is secured?**

**A2:** WSDOT will not start the requests for qualifications (RFQ) process until we know we have some funding in place. We want input from the contractors about the procurement schedule: what is the quickest way to get a design-builder on board, and how to leave the most time available for the actual construction? A major portion of the \$2 billion of existing program funding is from tolling as set forth by the Legislature in ESHB 2211. We know that there is more cash revenue predicted from tolling that could be available, between \$400 million and \$450 million. If WSDOT is allowed to utilize that potential revenue source, it could be expended on other projects, like the Eastside project.

**Q3: Is community relations part of this contract?**

**A3:** Yes, an important part of the design-build role will be community relations, including outreach to the local communities and maintaining a toll-free hotline phone number. WSDOT will be the lead for maintaining communications with the elected officials and the media, issuing press releases, and updating the WSDOT Web site. The design-builder will support WSDOT in these activities.

**Q4: Do you anticipate that separate accounts will be set up so that portions of the project can be accomplished, if it's not fully funded?**

**A4:** If the Eastside project does not receive full funding, WSDOT will evaluate phased construction implementation. If WSDOT is awarded TIGER funds, the majority of those funds must be spent by February 2012.

**Q5: Will there be input from the design-builder on the construction phasing process?**

**A5:** Yes, WSDOT is interested in receiving feedback on that process.

**Q6: If WSDOT is short on funds would purchasing right of way be a priority before construction?**

**A6:** That would depend on the level of funds and whether or not pieces could be built without purchasing all of the right of way. That being said, right of way acquisition is already underway. WSDOT intends to have the majority of right of way acquired prior to NTP.

**Q7: Are agreements and permit fees currently in place to help the local jurisdictions?**

**A7:** No, agreements or permits are not in place yet. Once funding is in place we can secure agreements and permits.